

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

AUG 20 2004

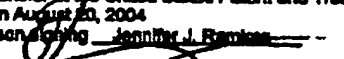
OFFICIAL

Mail Stop: AF

920476-904802

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of : Christopher Michael Purse  
Serial No. : 09/276,080  
Filed : March 25, 1999  
For : Method and Apparatus for Communicating  
Information  
Examiner : Frank Duong  
Art Unit : 2888  
Customer number : 23644

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to the above -  
identified examiner at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (703)  
872-9315 on August 20, 2004  
Name of person signing : Jennifer J. Ramirez  
Signature : 

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

10/18/2004 To Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
01 FC:1251 P.O. Box 1450 120913 09276080  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an automatic extension of time of 1 month to respond to the Office Action of April 21, 2004. Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than August 21, 2004.

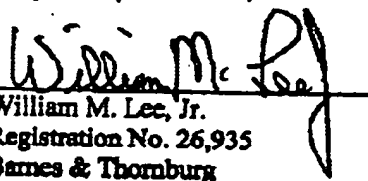
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17, the required fee of \$110 is authorized to be charged to Deposit Account 12-0913.

Actually, the examiner checked the wrong period for reply in the Advisory Action of

August 9, 2004, and the second box, box b), should have been checked and therefore this extension should properly be through September 9, 2004. However, since a replacement for the improper Advisory Action has yet to be received, the dates above are being set forth, it being understood that when the examiner reissues the Advisory Action, the proper extension of time should be September 9, 2004.

August 20, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

  
William M. Lee, Jr.  
Registration No. 26,935  
Barnes & Thornburg  
P.O. Box 2786  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-2786  
(312) 214-4800  
Facsimile (312) 759-564